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Diluent for Bacterial Stain

DECLARATION

I, Ryoko KOBAYASHI, declare that I am acquainted with both the Japanese and English languages, that the English translation attached hereto is a true and accurate translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-334641.

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